

MIDDLE WEST SHOWS BUSINESS IMPROVING

Prospects for Good Prices For Produce Bright—Kansas Potato Crop Only 60 to 70 Per Cent—Chicago Enjoying a Building Boom

"Chicago, and all of the cities of the Middle West are showing a marked business activity with building operations being conducted on a scale which better than anything else shows that good times are returning," says George K. Aiken, who returned last Thursday afternoon from a three weeks' trip through the Middle West, during which he visited Chicago, the Twin Cities, St. Louis and Kansas City.

"Business men of Chicago are optimistic and well they may be, for the building permits of that city in May were the highest in the city's history. This in spite of the strikes still unsettled in the building trades indicate the demand for expansion."

"While crops were reported good early in June, the harvest reports which came after a hot spell showed a reduction and thus gave indication that wheat prices would be fair this fall. I was particularly anxious to learn something of the potato situation in the Kaw river valley, so arranged to return via Kansas City and Denver and thus travel practically the entire length of the Kaw. It will be of interest to the local potato growers to know that the indications are that the Kaw valley will have only a 60 to 70 per cent crop. This information was gained from travelers whose business interests demand knowledge of this crop condition, and from reports from railroad traffic officials."

"Since the Kaw river potatoes are the principal competitors of the early potatoes of this section, it would appear that satisfactory returns ought to be secured from the potato crop soon to be harvested here."

"While in St. Louis I visited the big public market and saw head lettuce sold at 20 cents per head, or \$9.60 per crate, thus another indication of favorable price for another Snake River Valley crop was secured."

"An idea of the growth of business in the middle western cities is the condition of the various public services one is called upon to use, at least that was the excuse given for the poor service available, by telephone for example. Though called upon repeatedly to use telephones, particularly in Chicago, it was seldom that prompt service was secured, and on several occasions I was not able to get the number called, though later I found that the person called was near the phone at the time. I was told that this was the rule and that the service had been demoralized more or less for some time. Not until I reached Denver was prompt service secured. The contrast between the service furnished in Ontario was so marked that it compelled attention, and while it may be that we would all enjoy the sensation of seeing our community grow so fast that the telephone service could not keep up with it, yet it is easier on the nerves and patience to use the telephone here than it is in the middle western cities."

ONTARIO FURNITURE CO. BUYS M'DOWELL UNDERTAKING CO.

Business Changes Mark Passing of Business Established Four Years Ago—Hugh Allen Plans to Remain Here

A business change which marks the passing of an institution established four years ago was recorded this week when the Ontario Furniture company purchased the stock of the McDowell Undertaking company from Hugh Allen, who has been its owner for the past year and a half. H. L. Peterson of the Ontario Furniture company, moved the stock of goods from the parlors of the McDowell company this week. The combined stock thus secured makes the undertaking department of the Ontario Furniture company the largest in this section. Mr. Allen, who sold out his interests, expects to remain here in Ontario.

WOMAN'S HAND HURT WHEN CAUGHT IN MACHINE WRINGER

Mrs. Frank Gardner of Fruitland was brought to Ontario this afternoon for medical treatment due to injuries received when her hand was caught in the wringer of a washing machine and badly bruised. Dr. J. A. Bartlett who dressed the injury found no broken bones.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Mrs. J. A. Draper and Mrs. Ina Defoe and children left Monday morning, going overland to Santa Rosa, Calif., where they will join Mr. Draper. They expect to remain in California for a year during which time Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Roberts will occupy their home here in Ontario.

Misses Mamie and Evelyn Stewart returned Wednesday evening from Portland where they have been spending a three weeks vacation.

Mrs. Morse V. Hart and son, Jack, visited friends and relatives here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Quast spent the Fourth in Caldwell.

Mrs. J. A. Kennedy of Brogan, was an Ontario visitor on Wednesday looking after business interests. William Jones came down from Juntura to spend the Fourth with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Blackaby of Homedale, spent several days in Ontario this week while on an outing trip which took them to Payette Lakes.

Mrs. Helen Clement left Friday for a visit with her son, Harry Clement in Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wisdom left Monday for Baker where they will celebrate the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fine left last week to spend the summer in Steins mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle went to Baker Monday where they remained for the Fourth of July celebration.

Misses Lucy and Elizabeth Gendell of Philadelphia, are spending the summer with their aunt, Mrs. William S. Allen, and their cousins Hugh Allen, Judge Dalton Biggs and Miss Weese.

E Emmett Johnson is down from his homestead above Ironside this week.

Crull Orcutt who has been employed at Luehrs' drug store for many years, left Sunday for Portland where he expects to remain indefinitely.

The Congregational Ladies Aid will hold their annual bazaar on Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9.

Mrs. C. A. Field returned last Sunday from Portland, where she spent the past two weeks attending the Rose Festival and visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCreight and family motored to Arrow Rock Tuesday where they enjoyed the Fourth.

Owen Turner left Tuesday for Beulah where he will spend an extended vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan are Ontario visitors from Ironside this week.

R. W. Swagler left Sunday for Bend, Ore., where he was Fourth of July orator at Bend's celebration.

George Maddux returned Tuesday from Ironside.

Chifford Canfield is down from his homestead above Ironside to celebrate the Fourth.

Joe Daus left last week for Portland where he intends to resume his study of dentistry.

Dr. R. O. Payne and family left last week for Spokane where they will spend a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. LaRue Blackaby were numbered among the Ontarians at Payette Lakes over the week end and the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dorman and family left Saturday for the Payette Lakes for the summer season.

Mrs. W. E. Lees and son, Fred, returned Saturday from a month's stay in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Billingsley and Mr. and Mrs. Don Platt left Saturday morning for Portland. They went via the Old Oregon Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lakness returned Wednesday from Boise and Nampa where they spent several days this week.

D. W. Powers and family spent the Fourth in Baker.

MOTION PICTURE PROVES THAT BEARS LIKE HONEY

Story book, novel and natural history, since time without memory, have always made it known that bears are famous for the proverbial sweet tooth. Likewise everyone of them have agreed that honey is brunt's delight in any country or climate. Good proof of this may be obtained by those who see the big James Oliver Curwood photoplay production, "God's Country and the Law", which comes to the Majestic on Friday and Saturday.

In this picture a big black bear takes part in the action of the early scenes when in one especially interesting scene he is shown performing a notorious bear's trick of stealing honey from the cabin of a woodsman. The old bear used in this scene, while not a highly trained animal, was the property of a Maine farmer. His master doubted

his ability to go through with the scenes when Sidney Ottcott, the director, asked for a loan of him. According to the director, the bear performed his task with less rehearsal than any of the human members of the cast, due, of course to the lure of the honey and several pounds of his good fresh sweet stuff, which was used to make the act.

ELWOOD LEES IS BADLY INJURED BY FALL IN CANYON

Bonita Boy Suffers Two Broken Arms and Other Bruises—Companions Could Not Reach For Hour After Accident

While rolling stones down a canyon wall several miles from his home at Bonita last Friday, Elwood Lees fell down the cliff when the dirt gave way, and he is now in the hospital here recovering from the injuries he received.

Young Lees, with his sister and Glenn and Chubby Field of this city, who were guests at the Lees home, had gone on a hike from the Lees ranch and were rolling rocks down the canyon wall. After young Lees fell his companions could not reach him for some time. They had to go back for a long distance and make the difficult trip through the canyon bed, and even when they reached the spot could not locate the boy, for he was completely buried under the fallen dirt and rock.

When they got him out he was unconscious. By their combined efforts they finally carried him to their horses and thus got him to the Lees home. From there his parents started with him for Ontario, reaching here at 11 o'clock that night. Dr. Weese who was called, found one arm broken in two places, the bones protruding from the flesh; the other arm was also broken and his hip was dislocated. Although he suffered badly for several days, the young man is recovering, and it is believed that he will not be crippled in any way as the result of his experience.

PAID LOCAL ADS

REMIT CASH FOR ADS TO GO IN THIS COLUMN

Owing to the difficulty of keeping account of items for this column, the mistakes which occur in telephone conversations due to misunderstandings, the Argus has determined to place this column on a cash in advance basis. To use this column therefore write your ad, count six words per line and remit as follows: For first insertion 10 cents per line, all subsequent insertions 5 cents per line; mail check, or if coin is used see that same is wrapped so that it will not drop from envelope.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Four room house with two screen porches. Will take a car as first payment. See Fred Blaser or call 75M. 31 3t.

FOR SALE—An improved electric washing machine, with extension bench. Phone 76 W. 31 2t*

WANTED TO TRADE—New Velle car and some cash on small acreage. See E. R. Curtman at Blue Ranch at Payette inter-state bridge. 30 2t*

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FOR SALE CHEAP—Practically new Electric Grill with oven. Phone 125W 29t.

FOR SALE—35 shares of Nevada Ditch stock. H. A. Arneson. tf.

LADIES—You can see the new Mueller combination sink faucets and bath cocks at H. R. Udick's. 30tf

FOR RENT CHEAP—Furnished five room house, from July 15 to August 15. Inquire at O. S. L. ticket office. 30 2t*

FOR SALE—A Registered Poland China boar. Also 40 weaned pigs. Phone 34 W. 30 5t*

FOR SALE—140 acres 7 miles S. W. of Ontario, Oregon, on hard surfaced road to Vale. Good water, good house, fine shade and good water right. Fine place for one wanting to buy a home. Four thousand dollars will swing deal, remainder on time. For particulars write T. A. Cox, Lincoln, Illinois. 30tf.

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CITY LIFE BREEDING SNOBS?

Love of the Woods and Hills Almost Makes Direct Accusation in Magazine Article.

Last summer I spent several weeks in the woods and lived as nearly a natural life as one well could. That is, everybody wore the kind of clothes he wished to, and did about as he pleased, without regard to fashion or arbitrary social custom. I noticed that whenever anybody tried a guide to perform work that he could just as easily have done himself—such as rowing up the lake to go fishing—he immediately lost caste. It was regarded as an admission of inability or weakness. The man most admired in our party was the one most capable of being sufficient unto himself—able to go forth and catch his own fish, cook his own food, and construct his own rude shelter. After a month or two I grew accustomed to the woods idea that looking after one's own wants is logical and commendable, and nearly forgot about the modern city viewpoint. But the first garage man I dealt with on my return to civilization almost snubbed me when he noticed that, though I had a large auto, I was my own chauffeur and filled my own grease cups. Then I paused and thought how widespread is the difference in the attitude toward servants or helpers in the woods and the city. Wherever our modern social life is highly developed it is more or less disgraceful to do anything useful that one can possibly hire done. A woman gains more social prestige from keeping three hired girls than from being the most expert cook and most systematic housekeeper in the neighborhood. Not to have servants is to be inferior.—Fred C. Kelly, in Leslie's Weekly.

NOT MATTER OF GALLANTRY

Surly Man Had Reasons Entirely His Own for Giving Up His Seat in Street Car.

The old saying that "all fat men are good natured" is not borne out in Bill, an overly fat city employee of Los Angeles. Bill is known as a woman hater and looks upon girls of the giggling age as of no use whatever. Frequently he spreads out over an entire seat in a street car and growls like a grizzly bear if a shop girl "has the nerve" to make him contract sufficiently to make room for her.

On his way home recently Bill was seen to arise and proffer his seat to two girls who stood near.

"What's the idea, Bill?" asked a fellow employee. "Are you really getting human?"

"Don't kid yourself," replied Bill gruffly. "That's the hottest seat I ever encountered and I cover entirely too much territory. That's all."

Pity the City Child.

Little Helen is an apartment house child.

Brought up in a northwest apartment, the sidewalks have been her playgrounds, passers-by and automobiles her playmates, the patches around trees her only contact with old mother earth.

Of course, there have been trips to parks, and all that, but of nature as an entity she knows little. Like most city dwellers, she has to feel the heartbeat of the universe through stone and bricks.

One day recently her mother took her into the suburbs to visit some friends.

For awhile the child was contented to play in the new rooms. But at last she grew tired.

"Go play in the yard," her mother said.

Helen looked in wonder. "Where is the yard?" she asked.—Washington Star.

Concrete Houses.

The use of concrete houses is becoming common in various sections of the country. In connection with the general program for the investigation and improvement of housing conditions now being carried out by the bureau of standards, several trips of inspection have been made by members of the staff of that bureau to study improvements in the building of concrete houses. The trip recently made included many projects in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago and Minneapolis. Great improvements, both in the ordinary uses of the concrete and in the architectural and ornamental effects obtained, were noted on this trip. It seems certain that some style of concrete house will become very common in the near future.—Scientific American.

Improved Range Finder.

The largest range finder in the world is more than twice the size of any used during the war, and has been constructed in England for use in coastal defense, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. It was designed by the two original inventors of the range finder that has been in use in the British navy for many years, and that consists of a horizontal tube carried on a central frame, which rotates with the tube on a pedestal.

LIVING MODELS TO STRUT FOR COUNTRY MERCHANTS

Committee in Charge of Program Has Many Innovations to Spring at August Gathering—Expect to Break Records

Portland, Or., July 1st, 1922.—One of the big features of the tenth annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Merchant's association to be held in Portland, August 5 to 12, will be the most elaborate fashion show ever staged west of Chicago. Gowns, suits, finished furs and other finery on display will have a value of approximately one-half million dollars, and fifty beautiful and shapely living models will participate.

Latest New York and Paris fashions will have their first exclusive showing on the Pacific coast at this function. In addition, there will be an exhibition the creations of gowns and other wearing apparel of Portland designers who have received their instructions in schools in New York and Paris.

The elaborate and brilliant spectacle will open with a scene of the dawn as viewed from a wooded dell on Portland Heights, with fairies dancing among evergreens as the sun rises over snow-clad Mt. Hood. The scene will be the creation of John H. Stark, a decorator of national repute.

For the most part, the gowns and other finery will be displayed on living models who will pass in review on the stage. Uncut cloth will also be draped on the models and many other novel features in the same line will be introduced.

In addition to the fashion parade there will be practical demonstra-

tions of methods used in draping and decorating store windows. This feature will be highly instructive to visiting buyers as it will give them pointers on how to decorate their country store windows so that they will have a metropolitan atmosphere.

Many vaudeville numbers will be introduced throughout the evening's entertainment. The best talent from the regular vaudeville theatres and many clever amateurs have been engaged for the event.

The executive committee of buyers' week is arranging for a special feature exclusively for the visiting women. It will be an organ recital in one of Portland's large theatres by several of the most talented organists in Portland. The musical program will consist of both classical and popular numbers. In addition to the organ recital, there will be moving pictures exhibited. An entire block of seats for this event will be reserved exclusively for visiting women. A committee of Portland women will have charge of this feature.

Retail merchants from many districts of Portland's trade territory have informed the executive committee by letter that they will be among the visitors in this city during the convention. Prospects are that the attendance will be far greater than that of 1921 when over 1600 were registered.

The Congregational church Ladies Aid and Sunday school combined forces last Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock and attended a picnic which was held at the Flack home in Fruitland. Games and races and a bounteous picnic dinner were enjoyed, and the return trip made at 9 o'clock.

I. I. Culbertson was over from the Dead Ox Flat Wednesday.

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